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**For:** PRODUCTION OF GAMMA  
LINOLENIC ACID BY A  
DELTA 6-DESATURASE

**Dated:** July 26, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 AND 1.143**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 26, 1999, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-35, drawn to a delta 6-desaturase gene, plants transformed therewith, and a method of producing a transformed plant with increased GLA by transforming plants with said gene.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-46 are present in this application and have

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)**

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